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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY
CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE
PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said*
4 *date*):

5 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
6 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
7 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
8 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
10 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
11 (d) of this section.

12 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
13 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to
14 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
15 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election
16 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
17 subsection (d) of this section.

18 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
19 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
20 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
21 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
22 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
23 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
24 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
25 under subsection (d) of this section.

26 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
27 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
28 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive
29 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
30 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
31 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
32 under subsection (d) of this section.

33 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
34 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
35 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
36 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
37 election campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the
38 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
39 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
40 office at said election] as of January first of the election year for such
41 office such party has a number of enrolled members on the active
42 registry list equal to at least five per cent of the total number of
43 enrolled members of all political parties on the active registry list in the
44 state. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the
45 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
46 section for a major party candidate for the same office. [, provided (A)
47 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
48 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
49 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
50 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
51 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this

52 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the
53 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
54 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
55 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
56 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
57 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
58 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
59 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]
60 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

61 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
62 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
63 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
64 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund [for]
65 following the general election campaign if said [candidate's
66 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
67 equal to at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the
68 same office at the last preceding regular election] candidate received
69 five per cent or more of the whole number of votes cast for such office
70 at the regular election. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of
71 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
72 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office,
73 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
74 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
75 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
76 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
77 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
78 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
79 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
80 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
81 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
82 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
83 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
84 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] calculated by
85 first determining the ratio of the percentage of votes cast for the

86 petitioning party candidate for such office at the regular election to the
87 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
88 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
89 multiplied by the amount of the general election campaign grant
90 received from the fund by the qualified candidate committee of a
91 major party candidate for such office for the regular election. Such
92 product shall be the amount of the grant. In the case of an election held
93 in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under
94 subsection (d) of this section.

95 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
96 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
97 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
98 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
99 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
100 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
101 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
102 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
103 to be made.

104 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
105 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
106 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
107 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
108 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
109 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
110 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
111 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
112 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
113 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
114 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
115 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
116 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
117 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
118 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
119 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35

120 shall not be counted for such purposes.

121 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
122 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to
123 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
124 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
125 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
126 under subsection (h) of this section.

127 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
128 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
129 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
130 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
131 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
132 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
133 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
134 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
135 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
136 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
137 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
138 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
139 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
140 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
141 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
142 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
143 shall not be counted for such purposes.

144 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
145 the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be
146 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
147 campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided in
148 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
149 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

150 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
151 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be

152 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
153 campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the same office
154 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of
155 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
156 election] as of January first of the election year for such office such
157 party has a number of enrolled members on the active registry list
158 equal to at least five per cent of the total number of enrolled members
159 of all political parties on the active registry list in the state. The amount
160 of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the general election
161 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
162 party candidate for the same office, [, provided (A) if the candidate of
163 the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
164 election received at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes
165 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
166 grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election
167 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
168 party candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the same
169 minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election
170 received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for
171 all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant
172 shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant
173 under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate
174 for the same office, and (C) in] In the case of an election held in 2010, or
175 thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection
176 (h) of this section.

177 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
178 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
179 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund [for] following the
180 general election campaign if said [candidate's nominating petition has
181 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
182 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
183 preceding regular election] candidate received five per cent or more of
184 the whole number of votes cast for such office at the regular election.
185 The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of the amount of the

186 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
187 section for a major party candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
188 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
189 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number
190 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
191 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
192 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
193 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if said
194 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
195 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
196 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
197 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
198 election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a
199 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] calculated by
200 first determining the ratio of the percentage of votes cast for the
201 petitioning party candidate for such office at the regular election to the
202 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
203 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
204 multiplied by the amount of the general election campaign grant
205 received from the fund by the qualified candidate committee of a
206 major party candidate for such office for the regular election. Such
207 product shall be the amount of the grant. In the case of an election held
208 in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under
209 subsection (h) of this section.

210 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
211 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
212 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
213 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
214 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
215 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
216 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
217 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
218 to be made.

219 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of

220 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
221 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
222 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
223 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

224 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
225 of this section:

226 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
227 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
228 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
229 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
230 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

231 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
232 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
233 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
234 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
235 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
236 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
237 campaign grant and moneys;

238 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
239 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
240 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
241 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
242 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
243 inclusive; and

244 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
245 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
246 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
247 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
248 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
249 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
250 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
251 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election

252 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
 253 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
 254 set forth in this section.

255 Sec. 2. Section 9-706 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is
 256 amended by adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

257 (NEW) (g) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
 258 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
 259 implement the post election processing of grants from the Citizens'
 260 Election Fund for petitioning party candidates, as provided for in
 261 section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
 262 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-705
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-706

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